COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. NO.</u>: 3054-01 <u>BILL NO.</u>: HB 1135

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Fire Protection, Economic Development Dept.

TYPE: Original

<u>DATE</u>: January 17, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	
General Revenue	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds *	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	

* Subject to appropriation

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	
None				
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government*	\$0	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

^{*} Subject to appropriation

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development** (DED) state this proposal will create a grant program, funded by appropriation and administered by DED, to award funds to (1) Volunteer fire protection associations; or (2) Fire protection districts that would otherwise have less than \$10,000 in annual revenues generated from memberships. Public Safety states there are 899 fire departments registered and DED assumes a majority of these would qualify for the grants. DED assumes funding for these grants would begin in July, 2001 (FY 2002).

DED assumes there will be a need for one (1) Community Development Field Rep II, one (1) Community Development Program Specialist, and one (1) Clerk Typist II to support this proposal. DED also assumes a minimum of \$1,000,000 would be appropriated to fund the program.

Oversight assumes no additional rental space would be required. Oversight also assumes that funding is subject to appropriation and the amount is unknown at this time.

The Office of Administration-Budget and Planning and the Department of Public Safety assume this proposal will not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	,		
Loss- General Revenue Fund			
	\$0	\$0 to	\$0 to
Appropriations of Grant Funds		(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Cost - Department of Economic Development			
Personal service (3 FTE)	\$0	\$0 to	\$0 to
		(\$98,906)	(\$101,379)
Fringe benefits	\$0	\$0 to	\$0 to
		(\$30,414)	(\$31,174)
Expense and Equipment	\$0	\$0 to	\$0 to
		<u>(\$33,606)</u>	<u>(\$5,486)</u>
Total <u>Cost</u> - DED	\$0	\$0 to	\$0 to
		(\$162,926)	(\$138,039)
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government (continued)		

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT OF	N
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	Unknown	Unknown

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

A direct fiscal impact to certain small businesses may be expected because of possible construction projects that may be implemented due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the Department of Economic Development to establish a grant program for volunteer fire protection associations and fire protection districts which collected or received less than \$10,000 local tax revenue in the preceding year. The grants are to be awarded for the purchase of equipment and the construction of fire stations. The department will award the grants from monies appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose..

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development Office of Administration - Budget and Planning Department of Public Safety

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